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15 DETAINEE RAMADI

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D) EMBASSY MEMCON SEP 18

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 10 FROM
TIM GALE ON AMNESTY LETTERHEAD RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT
RAMADI SIMILAR TO THOSE IN AMNESTY LETTER TO DEPT
DESCRIBED REF A. SUBJECT TO DEPT,'S APPROVAL, WE PLAN
REPLY TO AMNESTY LETTER ABOUT RAMADI AS FOLLOWS, AND
WOULD SUGGEST DEPT RESPOND ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

BEGIN TEXT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 10
CONCERNING MR. RAMADI WHO IS NOW UNDER DETENTION BY THE
INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE
RIOTS WHICH OCCURRED IN JAKARTA ON JANUARY 15.

THE ONLY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE INDONESIAN
GOVERNMENT CONCERNING RAMADI WHICH HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION
WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
INDONESIA, REPORTED IN THE PRESS ON JULY 18, 1974, THAT
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SUBMIT CHARGES AGAINST RAMADI TO THE
COURT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRIAL OF HARIMAN SIREGAR
FOR CRIMINAL SUBVERSION. THE TRIAL OF SIREGAR, THE FIRST
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OF THE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE JANUARY

DISTURBANCES TO BE TRIED, HAS BEEN COMPLETED, BUT THE VERDICT HAS NOT YET BEEN DELIVERED. HOWEVER, JUDGING FROM A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE NEXT INDIVIDUAL TO BE TRIED WILL BE SJACHRIR, IT MAY BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED ITS ORIGINAL PLANS TO TRY RAMADI DIRECTLY AFTER THE SIREGAR TRIAL.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT RAMADI'S CASE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE JANUARY 1974 RIOTS AND NOT YET TRIED ARE BEING INVESTIGATED AND WILL EITHER BE TRIED UNDER EXISTING CRIMINAL STATUTES IF THE EVIDENCE IN A PARTICULAR CASE WARRANTS, OR RELEASED ON COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATIONS. A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REAFFIRMED THIS POLICY IN A RECENT STATEMENT ON DECEMBER 2. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS COULD BE COMPLETED PROMPTLY.

WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM AMNESTY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA ON BEHALF OF MR. RAMADI WOULD RESULT IN REPRISALS AGAINST HIM OR HIS FAMILY. END TEXT.

2. SEE EMBASSY'S REF B RE GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL PLAN TO TRY RAMADI AND REF C CONCERNING NEW PLAN TO TRY SJACHRIR FOLLOWING SIREGAR TRIAL.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 18 (REF D) MARIA ULFAH SUBADIO, WIFE OF EX-PSI LEADER SUBADIO WHO IS ALSO DETAINED, SAID RAMADI HAD BEEN ILL AND SUGGESTED THIS WAS REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HIS TRIAL. SHE SAID RAMADI, AS OF THAT TIME, HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED VISITS BY HIS FAMILY SINCE HIS ARREST. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON RAMADI.
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